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REVIVAL OF CLOSED SICK FERTILIZER UNITS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) The state-wise details of closed or sick chemical fertilizer units in the country alongwith the reasons for their closure/ sickness:

(b) Whether the Government proposes to revive the closed/sick units;

(c) If so, whether the Government has prepared a report for revival of these units;

(d) If so, whether the Bureau of Industrial Finance and Reconstruction has approved the report;

(e) If so, the details thereof; and

(f) The present status of the revival process of closed/ sick units?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) The state wise details of closed or sick chemical fertilizer units in the country under the Central Public Sector,alongwith the reasons for their closure/ sickness are given in Annexure-I.

(b) Pursuant to a decision taken on 12.4.2007,the Government has initiated the process of examining the feasibility of revival of the closed/ sick units,subject to the confirmed availability of gas.

(c) The feasibility reports are being prepared.

(d) & (e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(f) The revival process of closed/ sick units is in the stage of examination/ preparation of feasibility reports. Some well run fertilizer PSUs like RCF and NFL and a fertilizer Multi-State Cooperative Society,namely, KRIBHCO have shown interest in the revival of few of the closed units. Other options including possible investment by State Governments are also being explored.